

JAR-491-2494

4 June 1968

To: Dave W.

Subject: PR-GN 68-08-15-004 for sixteen (16) each Liferafts (GN 1600G-01)

Reference: Contract DC-CT-1503

The above purchase order was completed on 15 April with delivery of the last two of the sixteen rafts.

The estimated unit price of [ ] we originally estimated was considerably exceeded. The firm unit price of these rafts is [ ]

The reasons for the increase in price are as follows:

1. The raft was redesigned to reduce the volume of the gas cells to be compatible with the standard USAF 0.5 lb. CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder.
2. The hand-hold straps and anchoring methods were changed to add strength.
3. The gas transfer valve was redesigned for a more positive operation and also for a more practical interface with the raft.
4. A significant portion of the additional price was for obtaining and testing coated fabrics to try to meet the normal extreme temperature requirements of minus 65° F.

We were well into the fabrication of the sixteen each rafts when we found that the coated fabric would not meet the low temperature spec.

After exhaustive testing of various neoprene coated nylon fabrics and discussions with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base on extreme temperature performance of rafts made from MIL-C-19002B coated fabric it was decided that the low temperature spec could not be met. The low temperature requirements were changed to -20° F with the concurrence of [ ]

Cordially,

cc: Bruce B. ✓  
Bill M.

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